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1. THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MADAGASCAR (GDRM) IS THAT ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF ARE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS AND TAX LIABILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 37 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION, I.E. ONE-TIME DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF EFFECTS, CAR, CONSUMABLES, ETC. IN FACT, HOWEVER, STAFF PERSONNEL AT THIS POST ENJOY THE SAME PRIVILEGES AS DO THOSE PERSONNEL ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST.

2. THE GDRM DOES NOT CLOSELY MONITOR IMPORTS FOR DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, ALTHOUGH THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SUCH ACTION MAY BE UNDERWAY. U.S. PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT BE AFFECTED HOWEVER, SINCE THE EMBASSY IMPORTS EVERYTHING OTHER THAN INITIAL HHE SHIPMENTS IN THE NAME OF SOMEONE ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST OR SIMPLY IN THE NAME OF THE EMBASSY.

3. ONE FURTHER NOTE, THE GDRM CONSIDERS ALL DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT HOLDERS TO BE DIPLOMATS, AND ISSUE THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES DIPLOMATIC ID CARDS. OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS ARE GIVEN ID CARDS OF A DIFFERENT COLOR WHICH IDENTIFY THEM AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AS ADMINISTRATIVE
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OR TECHNICAL STAFF. THE LATTER CARDS ARE NOT QUITE AS EFFECTIVE IN FENDING OFF HUNGRY GENDARMES AS ARE THE FORMER. CONSIDERATION MIGHT PROFITABLY BE GIVEN, CONSIDERING THE SMALL SIZE OF THIS MISSION, TO ISSUING DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS TO ALL PERSONNEL OF ALL AGENCIES. BARRETT

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